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The Honorable Charles E. Wilson
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

You will recall that on 29 April 1955 I addressed a letter to you requesting that the Department of Defense consider the possibility of releasing the Arlington Hall property to the Central Intelligence Agency for a site on which to locate our proposed new headquarters building. Secretary Anderson advised me on 6 June 1955 that this matter was under study and that a response would be forthcoming in the very near future.

After further study and analysis of this problem I have concluded that a site either at the Bureau of Public Roads Research Station near Langley, Virginia, or in the Alexandria area would be more suitable for our use. Accordingly, I do not wish to trouble you further with this exploration.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that my request may have caused you and appreciate very much indeed the cooperation of the Department of Defense in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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